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SUBJECT: REPORT ON TRI-COUNTRY NARCOTICS MEETING

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMBASSIES BANGKOK, RANGOON, TAIPEI, VIENTIANE, CONGEN HONG KONG, CONSULATE CHIANG MAI, AND CINCPAC MET IN BANGKOK AND CHIANG MAI SEPT 18-20. TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED THE CURRENT NARCOTICS SCENE IN BURMA, LAOS, THAILAND AND HONG KONG, TRAWLERS, ACETIC ANHYDRIDE, CARAVANS, GUNS-FOR-NARCOTICS, INCOME SUBSTITUTION, AND REGIONAL CO-OPERATION. THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED ON A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS (PARA 14). END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBASSIES RANGOON AND VIENTIANE AND CONGEN HONG KONG

CONCUR IN THIS REPORT.

3. ATMOSPHERICS. EMB BANGKOK HOSTED THE THIRD TRI-COUNTRY (BURMA, LAOS, THAILAND) NARCOTICS MEETING SEPT. 18-20. AMCONSUL HONG KONG PARTICIPATED FOR THE FIRST TIME. REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMB TAIPEI AND CINCPAC TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PRESENCE IN THAILAND ON OTHER BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE ALSO. AFTER DISCUSSIONS IN BANGKOK SEPT. 18 AND 19, THE PARTICIPANTS FLEW TO CHIANG MAI. HEAVY RAINS FORCED CANCELLATION OF THE PLANNED VISIT TO THE UN EXPERIMENTAL STATION AT CHANG KHIAN SEPTEMBER 20, BUT PARTICIPANTS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UN PROJECT, US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE RTG DEPT OF PUBLIC WELFARE HILLTRIBE RESEARCH CENTER IN CHIANG MAI. THE CONFEREES ALSO VISITED THE THAI POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER IN BANGKOK AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SPECIAL NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION (SNO) IN CHIANG MAI.

4. THAILAND.

A) PARTICIPANTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO NOTE THAT THAI ENFORCEMENT AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS DURING RECENT MONTHS. THE SPECIAL NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION (SNO), WHICH DEA SUPPORTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING IMMEDIATE RESULTS IN THE NORTH BY INTERCEPTING DRUG TRAFFICKING ON THE ROAD NETWORKS OF THAILAND, HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THE THAI HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN INTELLIGENCE WHICH HAS RESULTED IN SOME SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES. THE BORDER PATROL POLICE HAVE STARTED TO MOVE AGAINST THE ARMED CARAVANS WHICH TRANSIT THAILAND'S FAR NORTH. THE ARREST OF LU PENG KHIA AND THE SEIZURE OF OPIUM IN THE SOUTH HAVE DISRUPTED THE MOVEMENT OF NARCOTICS BY TRAWLER TO HONG KONG. JOINT USOM AND THAI NAT'L. POLICE DEPT (TNPD) PLANNING/SUPPORT ENCOMPASSES EXPANSION OF BORDER PATROL, PROVINCIAL, AND METROPOLITAN POLICE NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT TEAMS AND INCLUDES OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR INVOLVING HIGHWAY POLICE AND MARINE POLICE IN THE NARTOTICS SUPPRESSION EFFORT.

B) THE LONG-TERM GOAL, HOWEVER, MUST BE TO STOP THE PRODUCTION OF OPIUM. USOM HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THE THAI POLICE INCLUDING TWO HELICOPTERS WHICH ARE DUE TO AR-

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RIVE THIS DECEMBER; AND USOM IS NOW DISCUSSING WITH THE RTG PROJECTS FOR HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT, HIGHLAND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, AND A MARKETING ANALYSIS. THE MISSION HAS ALSO SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS AND FOR A VARIETY OF PROJECTS TO PROVIDE A SUBSTITUTE SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE HILLTRIBES. (THE DEPARTMENT HAS SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZED US TO DISCUSS THE INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROPOSALS WITH THE RTG.) REMAINING PROBLEMS INCLUDE: THE NEED FOR A MORE

CONSISTENT RTG ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE IN THE CARAVAN AREAS OF NORTHERN MAE HONG SON AND CHIANG MAI PROVINCES, FOR GREATER TNPD MOBILITY, AND FOR US AND OTHER DONOR PROGRAMS TO SUPPLEMENT AND COMPLEMENT THE UN CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM.

5. BURMA. GUB PROGRESS AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS SINCE THE LAST TRI-COUNTRY MEETING IN APRIL 1973 IS UNPRECEDENTED, WITH THE GUB, ALTHOUGH STILL FIRMLY INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED, NOW STRONGLY MOTIVATED AND TAKING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS. THE GUB CRACKDOWN ON THE KHA KWE YEI (KKY) IN APRIL RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF LO HSING MINH, YOUNGER BROTHER OF LO SHING-HAN AND OTHER IMPORTANT TRAFFICKERS, BEFORE THE LATTER'S CAPTURE IN THAILAND IN JULY. GUB-RTG COOPERATION WILL HOPEFULLY BE MAINTAINED AND INCREASED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF U NU'S DEPARTURE FROM THAILAND. GUB MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUPS SENT DIRECTLY FROM RANGOON HAVE MADE SECRET RAIDS AGAINST SMUGGLERS IN THE SHAN STATES, AVOIDING TIP-OFFS TO TRAFFICKERS FROM CORRUPT LOW-LEVEL LOCAL OFFICIALS. INFORMATION THAT THE USG PROVIDED TO THE GUB HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THESE SUCCESSSES. THE GUB IS NOW WORKING OUT PLANS FOR A \$5 MILLION, FIVE-YEAR PROJECT WITH UNFDAC. SINCE THE HEROIN PROBLEM HAS NOW REACHED THE MAJORITY ETHNIC BURMESE AND THE SONS OF THE RULING ELITE, THE BURMESE PRESS IS GIVING INCREASINGLY WIDE COVERAGE TO STORIES OF NARCOTICS SEIZURES AND PENALTIES, IS WARNING THE POPULACE OF THE HEROIN MENACE, AND IS REPORTING ON REHABILITATION MEASURES. INCREASED FIGHTING BETWEEN THE BURMESE ARMY AND DISSIDENTS, WHO ARE ALSO BEING SQUEEZED BY THE BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY (WHITE FLAG) ADVANCING FORCES, AND INCREASED ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES IN TRAFFICKING AREAS HAS RESULTED IN THE PROBABILITY THAT MORE DRUGS MAY IN THE FUTURE COME DOWN THROUGH BURMA TO RANGOON AND INTO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS, OR THROUGH INDIA AND POSSIBLY BANG-
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6. LAOS. THE DRUG SITUATION IN LAOS HAS NOT CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE LAST TRI-COUNTRY MEETING, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC CHANGES ON THE POLITICAL FRONT. THE FORMATION OF A NEW COALITION GOVT IS NOT EXPECTED TO DISTURB NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES, SINCE THE GROUPE SPECIAL D'INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE OUT OF THE PRIMIN'S OFFICE. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE PATHET LAO WILL WANT U.S. ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO OPERATE UP-COUNTRY AS FREELY AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST OR TO OPERATE AT ALL IN THEIR ZONE OF TEMPORARY POLITICAL CONTROL, EVEN THOUGH PL PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAVE GENERALLY OPPOSED NARCOTICS USAGE. THE WAR IN LAOS, COMBINED WITH INTENSIFIED RLG-USG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, HAS REDUCED OPIUM PRODUCTION IN LAOS FROM AN ESTIMATED 100 TONS A YEAR TO 20. AT THE SAME TIME, RE-ESTABLISHMENT

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OF PEACE MAY RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN OPIUM PRODUCTION BECAUSE OF GROUND AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION ROUTES BEING OPENED, HILLTRIBE PEOPLE MOVING BACK IN THE HIGHLAND AREAS, AND LARGE NUMBERS OF RLG TROOPS--WHO WILL NECESSARILY HAVE TO DEVELOP OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME--BEING DEMOBILIZED. LAO ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REMAIN ON THE ALERT FOR SUCH A POSSIBLE UPSURGE; MEANWHILE, USAID/LAOS IS ASSISTING THE RLG IN A PILOT ADDICT DETOXIFICATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM, AS WELL AS IN HIGH ALTITUDE

CROP RESEARCH EFFORTS. AT THE CROP RESEARCH STATION ON PHA DAENG MOUNTAIN IN HOUA KHONG PROVINCE, SOME 20 CROPS HAVE BEEN PLANTED. (TO DATE, THE MOST PROMISING CROPS ARE GINSENG AND MUSHROOMS.)HWE BELIEVE THAT INCREASED EMPHASIS ON INCOME SUBSTITUTION AND AGRICULTURAL EXPERTISE IS NECESSARY, IF LAOS IS TO ARRIVE AT A LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO THE POPPY PRODUCTION PROBLEM.

7. HONG KONG. SINCE THE CITY WAS HISTORICALLY FOUNDED AS AN OUTLET FOR THE OPIUM TRADE, OPIUM LONG MET OFFICIAL TOLERANCE. AS HEROIN HAS REPLACED OPIUM AS A MAJOR DRUG IN HONG KONG, AUTHORITIES THERE HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM, HOWEVER. HONG KONG HAS INCREASED THE NUMBER OF POLICE WORKING ON NARCOTICS AND THEY ARE TRYING TO DISRUPT DISTRIBUTION OUTLETS. HONG KONG POLICE BELIEVE THAT ONE THAI TRAWLER ARRIVED IN NEARBY WATERS DURING EARLY SEPTEMBER, THE FIRST ONE SINCE EARLY JUNE. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE CAUSED A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF DRUGS IN HONG KONG RESULTING IN A 300 PER CENT INCREASE IN STREET PRICES AND A DOUBWING OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN THREE MONTHS. ALTHOUGH HONG KONG IS OFTEN ACCUSED OF BEING A JAMOR TRANSSHIPMENT POINT OF NARCOTICS TO THE US, AMCONSULATE HONG KONG HAS NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS SO. HONG KONG AUTHORITIES NEED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EQUIPMENT FOR A MAJOR ENFORCEMENT EFFORT AGAINST SOME 30-40 SMALL HEROIN LABORATORIES.

8. TRAWLER TRAFFIC. THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 2000 THAI TRAWLERS LARGE ENOUGH TO SAIL TO HONG KONG. THE FINANCIER GENERALLY PUTS TOGETHER A MIXED LOAD OF OPIUM, MORPHINE, AND HEROIN AND ARRANGES WITH A TRAWLER CAPTAIN TO CARRY IT TO HONG KONG WHERE THE NARCOTICS ARE UNLOADED OUTSIDE HONG KONG TERRITORIAL WATERS. INCREASED ENFORCEMENT ACTION HAS CAUSED TRAWLER CREWS TO ASK FOR PAYMENT IN ADVANCE.

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SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY POSSIBLE TRAWLERS, THE BEST METHOD TO DETECT THOSE CARRYING NARCOTICS IS THROUGH INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMANTS. THAI POLICE ARE ALSO TRYING TO OBTAIN A PROFILE OF SUSPECT TRAWLERS WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THE TRAWLER IS NOT BEING USED FOR FISHING. THAI TRAWLERS GENERALLY UNLOAD SOUTH OF THE LIMA ISLANDS WHICH COMPLICATES HONG KONG POLICE SURVEILLANCE SINCE THE POLICE WILL NOT TRANSIT PRC TERRITORIAL WATERS. HONG KONG AUTHORITIES ARE CONSIDERING PREPARATION OF A BOOKLET OF TRAWLER PICTURES TO BE GIVEN TO SHIPPING CAPTAINS WHO WOULD REPORT WHEN THIS TYPE OF VESSEL IS SIGHTED ON A SAILING TRACK TOWARD HONG KONG.

9. ACETIC ANHYDRIDE. DEA BANGKOK PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS A DETAILED REPORT ON ACETIC ANHYDRIDE AMONG SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. ONLY THAILAND AND LAOS HAVE

CONTROLS ON THE IMPORT OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE, BUT THESE DO NOT INCLUDE CONTROL AFTER THE CHEMICAL HAS PASSED THROUGH CUSTOMS. MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE SUCH AS JAPAN AND THE U.S. HAVE NO CONTROLS ON EXPORTS. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE AMOUNT OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE TRADED INTERNATIONALLY FOR LEGITIMATE PURPOSES AND THE SMALL AMOUNT NEEDED FOR HEROIN PRODUCTION IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, THE CONFEREES SAW LITTLE PROSPECT FOR CONTROLLING SHIPMENTS OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. SNO WILL INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS THROUGH INFORMANTS AND ROADBLOCKS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ACETIC ANHYDRIDE SINCE THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE USE FOR THIS CHEMICAL IN NORTHERN THAILAND. LAO AND U.S. ENFORCEMENT/INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SHIPMENTS OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE AND OTHER CHEMICALS TO UP-COUNTRY LOCATIONS IN LAOS WHERE NO LEGITIMATE INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL DEMAND FOR THE CHEMICAL EXISTS.

10. CARAVANS. THE BORDER AREA BETWEEN NORTHERN THAILAND AND EASTERN BURMA IS FREQUENTLY TRANSITED BY CARAVANS MOVING A WIDE VARIETY OF MERCHANDISE ACROSS THE THAI/BURMA BORDER; BEEF, ANIMAL HIDES, TEAK LOGS, ORE, JADE, AND NARCOTICS TO THAILAND; AND ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND CONSUMER GOODS TO BURMA. THE RTG CONSIDERS THIS COMMERCE BENEFICIAL EXCEPT FOR THE NARCOTICS. SINCE JUNE 1973 THAI POLICE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE CARAVANS SUSPECTED OF CARRYING NARCOTICS. AS RTG ENFORCEMENT AGAINST NARCOTICS CARAVANS INCREASES,
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MORE CARAVANS WILL LEGITIMATELY DECLARE THEMSELVES AND STOP MIXING OPIUM
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12. INCOME SUBSTITUTION. CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS HEARD BRIEFINGS IN CHIANG MAI BY RICHARD MANN, PROJECT MANAGER OF THE UN CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT IN THAILAND; DR. WALLACE MANISAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; AND GARY OUGHTEN OF THE RTG DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE HILLTRIBE RESEARCH CENTER. ONE MAJOR PROBLEM IS HOW TO CONTINUE THE UN CROP SUBSTITUTION WORK AFTER THE UN FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT EXPIRES, SINCE THERE IS NO DIRECT RTG PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT. ANOTHER NEED IS TO MOVE BEYOND SIMPLE CROP SUBSTITUTION TO OTHER FORMS OF INCOME SUBSTITUTION AND AN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE HILLTRIBE AREAS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO GET THE PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVED, ESPECIALLY IN MARKETING HILLTRIBE PRODUCTS. EXISTING ROADS AND TRAILS IN THE HILLTRIBE AREAS SHOULD BE IMPROVED SO THEY CAN BE USED IN THE

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WET SEASON. A COMPREHENSIVE REFORESTATION SCHEME INCLUDING A LAND USE PLAN IS NEEDED SINCE THE HIGHLAND AREAS ARE NATURALLY SUITED TO FORESTS RATHER THAN AGRICULTURE.

13. NEXT MEETING. THE NEXT TRI-COUNTRY MEETING SHOULD BE HELD DURING A SINGLE DAY IN MANILA OR SINGAPORE EITHER IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER THE EA-WIDE CONFERENCE IN LATE JANUARY.

14. RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW THE US CAN SUPPORT ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS AND FOSTER REGIONAL COOPERATION AMONG SOUTHEAST ASIAN GOVERNMENTS.

A. THE USG SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HOST GOVT ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE TIMELY PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TO THE RTG, GUB, RLG, AND HONG KONG.

B. IF THE GUB REQUESTS EQUIPMENT FOR ENFORCEMENT AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS, THE USG SHOULD CONSIDER SUCH A REQUEST SYMPATHETICALLY WHILE KEEPING IN MIND THE NEED TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF TAKING PART IN LARGER ASPECTS OF THE

BURMESE CIVIL WAR.

C. THE USG SHOULD ENCOURAGE GREATER THAI POLICE MOBILITY FOR MOVES AGAINST TRAFFICKERS IN REMOTE AREAS, SUCH AS THE FAR NORTH AND GULF OF SIAM, BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS TO THE TNP.

D. IF THE USG SUPPLIES HELICOPTERS TO BURMA AND THAILAND, WE SHOULD USE THIS LEVERAGE TO ENCOURAGE GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN BURMA AND THAILAND IN NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS.

E. EFFORTS TO HALT PRODUCTION OF OPIUM THROUGH INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROJECTS SHOULD BE GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY.

F. THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO CONTROL THE EXPORT OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE FROM THE US. ALTHOUGH WE SEE LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF EFFECTIVELY HALTING THE PRODUCTION OF HEROIN THROUGH SUCH CONTROLS, THE USG SHOULD DEMONSTRATE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT IT IS TAKING STEPS TO CONTROL ACETIC ANHYDRIDE AND URGE IMPORTING

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COUNTRIES TO IMPOSE AND USE CONTROLS.

G. WE SHOULD CONSIDER ENCOURAGING THE UNITED NATIONS TO EXPAND ITS ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS INTO BURMA AND LAOS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF INCOME SUBSTITUTION AND ADDICT REHABILITATION, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO AVOID PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THE UN/THAI CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM. SPECIFICALLY THE UN SHOULD REQUIRE DIRECT PARTICIPATION AND COUNTERPART FUNDS FROM THE HOST GOVT, AND PROJECTS THAT UNFDC FUNDS SHOULD BE MANAGED BY THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OR THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION SINCE THESE ENTITIES HAVE MORE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE THAN UNFDC DOES.

H. THE USG SHOULD ENCOURAGE REGIONAL MEETINGS OF HOST GOVT OFFICIALS WORKING ON NARCOTICS, E.G. POLICE OFFICERS OR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. AID FUNDING OF THESE CONFERENCES SHOULD BE EXPLORED AS WELL AS THE USE OF UNPROGRAMMED UNFDC FUNDS.

I. USIS SHOULD HELP THE RTG AND RLG PRODUCE AGRICULTURAL NEWS PROGRAMS IN VARIOUS HILLTRIBE DIALECTS FOR BROADCAST TO FARMERS IN LAOS AND THAILAND.

J. THAILAND, LAOS, AND BURMA SHOULD BE STIMULATED TO STATION LIAISON OFFICERS IN EACH OTHER'S CAPITALS TO IMPROVE CONTACTS ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. CONTACTS BETWEEN THE RLG AND GUB SHOULD BE WORKED OUT THROUGH THE BURMESE EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR GUB CONTACTS WITH LAOS.

K. THERE SHOULD BE A MUTUAL RADIO NETWORK BETWEEN POLICE FORCES IN BURMA, THAILAND AND LAOS.

L. WE SHOULD ASSIST THE BRITISH POLICE OFFICIAL FROM HONG KONG WHO WILL SOON BE ASSIGNED TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BANGKOK IN HIS EFFORTS TO COOPERATE WITH RTG, GUB, AND RLG POLICE OFFICIALS. WE SHOULD ESPECIALLY FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTLY BETWEEN HONG KONG POLICE AND RTG POLICE INSTEAD OF HAVING THEM GO THROUGH AN AMERICAN.

M. WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE MORE CONTACT BETWEEN BURMA AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE BY SPONSORING AN EX-

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CHANGE OF JOURNALISTS TO STUDY NARCOTICS PROBLEMS.

N. THE USG SHOULD PROVIDE HIGH SPEED PATROL BOATS TO THAI MARINE POLICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURSUING TRAWLERS AND SHOULD ASSIST THE THAI IN DEVELOPING A GULF OF THAILAND COMMUNICATIONS NET.

O. THE USG SHOULD SUPPORT A REGIONAL MARKETING SURVEY TO FIND NEW MARKETS FOR HILLTRIBE PRODUCTS REPLACING OPIUM.

P. THE USG SHOULD APPROVE DOLLAR CONVERSION TO LOCAL CURRENCIES FOR SUPPORT OF INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROJECTS.
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